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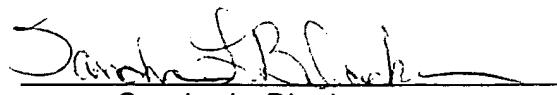
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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	18	-	20	**	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18
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Respectfully submitted,
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